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1. SUMMARY: MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS JUNE 14 INCLUDED PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOMALI FONMIN'S CANDIDACY FOR OAU SEC GEN POSITION AND FURTHER DISCUSSION BY SUMMIT OF PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES.
END SUMMARY.

2. AT CLOSED SESSIONS JUNE 14, CHIEFS APPROVED RESOLUTIONS OF EIGHTH EXTRAORDINARY CM (ADDIS, NOVEMBER 1973) AND TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY CM (KAMPALA, APRIL 1974). INTER ALIA THEY THUS GAVE FORMAL OAU ENDORSEMENT TO MBOW CANDIDACY FOR UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL. CHIEFS THEN BEGAN DEBATE ON REST OF AGENDA: RESOLUTIONS OF TWENTY-THIRD CM, DECOLONIZATION, REPORT OF
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COMMITTEE OF EIGHT ON SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN

RELATIONS, AND ELECTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY GENERAL.,

3. SOMALI FONMIN, OMAR ARTEH, CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE HIS CANDIDACY FOR LATTER POSITION. HE TOLD PRESS THAT HE HAS "BLESSING" OF OUTGOING SECGEN EKANGAKI AND ENDORSEMENT OF HAILE SELASSIE. WHILE DECLINING TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT, ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION VIGOROUSLY DENIED ETHIOPIAN SUPPORT FOR SOMALI CANDIDACY. COMMENT: THIS ELECTION HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY DEVISIVE ISSUE AT SUMMIT. IN HOME STRETCH, OTHER ACTIVE CANDIDACIES INCLUDE ZAMBIAN FONMIN MWANGA AND CAMERONIAN MIN-POSTS EGLÉE-TABI.

4. PORTUGUESE SITUATION CONTINUED MAJOR PREOCCUPATION OF SUMMIT. OAU SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT SENGHOR HAD REPORTED TO SUMMIT ON HIS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO BRING GOP AND PAIGC TO NEGOTIATING TABLE. (COMMENT: SOME DELEGATES FELT SENGHOR HAD SUCCEEDED IN UPSTAGING BOUMEDIENNE ON THIS POINT.) SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT MANY DELEGATIONS HAD EXPRESSED DESIRE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL AFTER GOP DEMONSTRATES UNEQUIVOCALLY ITS INTENTION TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO AFRICAN TERRITORIES. (COMMENT: THERE MAY BE FORMAL RESOLUTION ON THIS POINT.)

5. ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI DISPUTE ALSO CONTINUED AS MAJOR PROBLEM OF SUMMIT. ETHIOPIAN DELEGATE TOLD EMBOFF IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT SIAD-HAILE SELASSIE THREE-HOUR MEETING JUNE 13 HAD BEEN COMPLETELY UNPRODUCTIVE. EMPEROR HAD OFFERED SIAD A NON-AGGRESSION TREATY AND/OR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, BUT, ACCORDING THIS SOURCE, LATTER HAD REJECTED ALL SUCH OVERTURES. ON OTHER HAND, ETHIOPIAN FONMIN ZEWDE WAS PASSING WORD TO DELEGATES AND PRESS THAT MERE FACT THAT LENGTHY MEETING HELD BETWEEN THE TWO SHOULD BE VIEWED AS "ENCOURAGING". SOME INFORMED SOURCES FELT THAT OMAR ARTEH'S PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE HAD EMPEROR'S ENDORSEMENT MIGHT RPT MIGHT REFLECT SIAD-HAILE SELASSIE AGREEMENTS STILL UNKNOWN TO MOST ETHIOPIANS AND SOMALIS.

6. SUMMIT SCHEDULED TO CLOSE LATER TODAY, JUNE 15.
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